

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 1302 – SB 2342**

March 29, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes administrative judges of the Secretary of State's Office to conduct teacher dismissal hearings for the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Education. The costs of proceedings shall be assigned by the administrative judge hearing the matter, including any expenses for employment of an administrative judge.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenues - \$24,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$24,000\***

Assumptions:

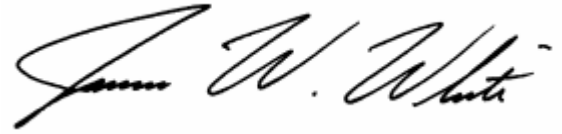
- The Department of State can provide this service with its existing staff of administrative judges.
- The Metro Board of Education has an estimated 10 such hearings each year, typically lasting 12 hours each.
- For each hour of hearing time, it is estimated that the administrative judge will need an hour of order preparation time. At a billing rate of \$100 per hour, the Department of State would receive \$24,000 per year. (10 hearings x 24 hours x \$100)
- Although the bill does not specify, it is assumed that the intent is for the losing party to pay the costs of the proceedings.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director